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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director of Operations

SUBJECT : Action on Personal Equipment Report (SAPC-26635)

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1. I have read [REDACTED] report on personal equipment dated 13 April (SAPC-26569) and offer the following comments for action to be taken.

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2. The Project Personnel Officer should take action to release [REDACTED] from the project at the most convenient time to the project.

3. I suggest Operations PE section see that an appropriate hot seat check-out program is arrived at and that each pilot receives the indoctrination. Regarding the shoulder harness locking procedure, if the present system is acceptable or has been accepted by Navy, I see no reason for us to go further into R&D of this item. Check on this and let me know how Navy stands on this.

4. Dual oxygen system R&D has already been approved in another memo.

5. New seat pack to fit both hot and cold seats has been approved in a previous memo.

6. We should abandon further consideration of the pulsating seat for the U-2.

7. Authorization is granted to secure jet flyer's boots for each pilot.

8. Oxygen connector improvement was approved in previous memo (CHAL-0074, 5 May 1958).

9. I suggest Gen. Flickinger be brought into the problem of in-flight feeding of pilots and get his reaction before we go out on our own to develop in-flight feeding equipment and program through a contractor.

10. I have no objection to Firewel developing a curriculum to train USAF enlisted PE personnel in F2HCO oxygen regulator maintenance and repair but I would get Air Force reaction to this first. USAF should be wanting to do this rather than our trying to sell it to them. [REDACTED] could pursue these details with [REDACTED]

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